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SUBJECT: CSCE POLICY: BASKET III--TRANSITIONAL PHRASE FOR
INSERTION BETWEEN PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS

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1. NATO CAUCUS HAS NOW FOCUSED ON NEED FOR A TRANSITIONAL PHRASE TO LEAD FROM AGREED BASKET III PREAMBLE (REFTEL) TO SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS WHICH WILL FOLLOW IT. IN PREVIOUS INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF THIS PROBLEM WE HAD NOTED THAT THIS PHRASE WOULD BE KEY ELEMENT IN DETERMINING NATURE OF SUBSEQUENT DOCUMENTS AND THEIR NON-LEGAL CHARACTER.

2. UK HAS NOW PROPOSED FOLLOWING PHRASE, WHICH WOULD BE ADDED AS LAST PARAGRAPH TO EXISTING BASKET III PREAMBLE:

QUOTE:

--HAVE DRAWN UP AND HEREWITH PLACE ON RECORD THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS: UNQUOTE.

3. WE BELIEVE THIS PHRASE WOULD BE A POSITIVE ADDITION TO BASKET III TEXTS AND WOULD HELP TO UNDERLINE THEIR
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NON-LEGAL NATURE. IN ADDITION, PHRASE COULD SERVE AS

A MODEL FOR A SIMILAR TRANSITIONAL PHRASE IN BASKET II
PREAMBLE, WITH SAME EFFECT. (PREAMBLE TO BASKET I
PRINCIPLES IS A RATHER DIFFERENT PROBLEM AND PHRASEOLOGY
USED THERE WILL VARY SOMEWHAT FROM THIS SIMPLE TEXT.
WEST WILL SEEK, HOWEVER, TO MAINTAIN ROUGH BALANCE
BETWEEN COMMITMENT-RELATED PHRASEOLOGY IN TRANSITIONAL
SENTENCE OF PRINCIPLES DECLARATION, WHICH IS STILL
BEING DRAFTED, AND EQUIVALENT PASSAGES IN (INTRODUCTORY TEXTS
TO EACH BASKET III RESOLUTION.)

4. FOR REASONS STATED ABOVE, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE
AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT UK SUGGESTED TRANSITIONAL PHRASE,
OR SOMETHING CLOSE TO IT. REQUEST GUIDANCE.ABRAMS

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